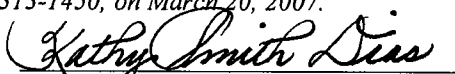


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expired on January 20, 2007. In light of a Request for a two-month extension of time and fee enclosed herein, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.